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Kaurna people of the Adelaide
Plains and pays respect to
Elders past and present.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land.
We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

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Image: The Hive Community Resource Hub launch

A word from the Mayor

Welcome to the Winter/Spring 2025 issue of Salisbury Aware, the City of Salisbury's magazine showcasing the vibrant spirit of our City.

This issue highlights key initiatives shaping our community, including The Hive Community Resource Hub — designed to encourage connection, learning, and support. We also focus on the City of Salisbury's commitment to empowering local young people through our Youth Action Plan 2024-2027, which provides opportunities for leadership, education, and accessible mental health support.

You'll find out about city upgrades and celebrate milestones, including the Salisbury Garden Club's 25th anniversary, and the Salisbury Football Club's 145th anniversary.

From inclusive sports programs to fostering local arts and culture, this issue reflects our ongoing efforts to build a progressive, sustainable, and connected community for all.

'Salisbury is a place where community comes first.

These initiatives reflect our commitment to continually enhance the liveability of our City and ensuring that everyone feels supported, connected, and proud to call Salisbury home.'

Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM

Elected Members have their say

Central Ward



Deputy Mayor

Cr Chad Buchanan JP

With rising living costs and increasing homelessness, expanding affordable housing and short-term accommodation options remain a priority. The Hive Community Resource Hub also offers valuable support for cost-of-living pressures.

North Ward



Cr David Hood JP

Continuing to encourage residents to explore the great programs available at our local community centres. There's so much happening, especially at Bagster Road Community Centre in the North Ward.

Hills Ward



Cr Peter Jensen JP

Continuing to deliver on key upgrades across the council area and support local sporting clubs and community groups.



Cr Shiralee Reardon JP

Ensuring that Council assists sporting clubs with equipment and upgraded or new facilities to accommodate the growing number of young people enjoying the benefits of being part of the team.

West Ward



Cr Beau Brug JP

Continuing to deliver my election commitments plus hosting my 'Coffees with the Councillor' to meet and listen to as many residents as possible. See my Facebook for dates and times.



Cr Sharon McKell

Working with Council and SAPOL to tackle the crime rate by implementing crime prevention strategies, which include installing more CCTV cameras and lighting in public areas.

Hear what your Ward Councillors are prioritising in 2025

Para Ward



Cr Kylie Grenfell

I'm looking forward to delivering the Kings Road Reserve BMX track upgrades and thank the community for all of your feedback on the plans.



Cr Sarah Ouk JP

Ensuring Para Ward residents' voices are heard on Council matters, while engaging with our diverse community through cultural events, building connections, and learning from each other's food, traditions, and experiences.

East Ward



Cr Johnny Chewparsad

Staying connected with our community, supporting initiatives that enhance liveability, promote inclusiveness, and improve valued services and infrastructure. I'm here to listen and work together to make our neighbourhood better for everyone.



Cr Moni Mazzeo

Continuing to support local residents in all areas and building strong, meaningful relationships through my Tuesday morning coffee catch-ups.

South Ward



Cr Lauren Brug

My focus is to host 'Coffee with the Councillor' meetings and meet local community members wherever I can. Please stay tuned on my Facebook for updates.



Cr Alan Graham

Delivering projects I've secured funding for, including bike pump tracks, new and upgraded play spaces, and a new dog park, while continuing to focus on upgrading basic services and infrastructure.







Images: Salisbury City Centre render - Site 1 and 2

A new Salisbury City Centre

The City of Salisbury and project partners Buildtec and Catcorp are progressing plans for the exciting \$200 million redevelopment of the Salisbury City Centre.

The redevelopment includes more than 200 new homes, a hotel, a free multi-deck carpark, a premium supermarket, and retail and commercial spaces on mixed-use sites across two hectares of council land.

The project is currently before the State Commission Assessment Panel, with planning approval anticipated by mid-2025 and development approval expected later in the year.

Detailed planning is underway on staging of the construction works and consultation with stakeholders on managing the impact of construction on businesses and visitors to the Salisbury City Centre.

Leasing opportunities within Stage 1 are now available. This includes high-quality commercial tenancies across ground floor street frontages and upper floor spaces to cater for a diverse range of businesses.

Stay informed with progress on the Salisbury City Centre development by signing up for regular email updates.



To sign up and find out more, visit salisburycitycentre.com.au



The Create a Place public art project is transforming public spaces with striking street art. The latest murals at Paralowie Village Shopping Centre add colour and vibrancy to the community.

In partnership with Paralowie Village Shopping Centre as part of The Village Wall project, artists Jimmy C and Malicious Delicious were commissioned to create two large-scale murals celebrating the diversity and energy of our City. Their works have turned a once-blank wall into a local landmark.

These new artworks bring vibrant public art to the area, encourage visitors to see the beauty of our city and inspire the community to get involved with art.

'Street art adds so much character to an urban setting, and a blank wall opposite a school was the perfect opportunity to create something inspiring and engaging.'

Jeevan, Paralowie Village Shopping Centre spokesperson

Earlier this year, the City of Salisbury sought community input on a plan to shape the future of local art and culture. The Arts and Culture Development Plan is currently being drafted and will support festivals and events, live music, exhibitions, heritage preservation and arts programs.



Images: Murals at Paralowie Village Shopping Centre created by artists Malicious Delicious (top) and Jimmy C (bottom)



To find more public art in the city, visit salisbury.sa.gov.au/publicart



The beloved Lights at Mawson event is set to shine once more, bringing illuminating displays, entertainment, and community spirit to the heart of Mawson Lakes.

The event has become a highlight on the local calendar and a favourite for families across the north.

This year's festival from Friday 11 July to Sunday 13 July will feature enchanting illuminated sculptures, live performances, and family-friendly activities, appealing to visitors of all ages.

For the first time, the lake itself will become part of the show, with a spectacular new on-water installation set to surprise and delight. You'll have to come and check it out for yourselves.

Set along the main lake and the bustling Mawson Lakes Boulevard, the event offers a lively setting close to public transport. The easy parking and variety of food and entertainment nearby, makes Lights at Mawson the perfect budget-friendly, local alternative to light shows, with the bonus of supporting local business.

With local cafes and restaurants open late each night, it's easy to turn your visit into a full evening out.

Come along to enjoy three nights of colour, creativity, and community in one of the city's most picturesque locations.

'The event brings a fantastic energy to the area. We see so many new faces and, of course, our wonderful regulars!'

Nabil, owner of Nik's BBQ on The Lake



To find more events, visit salisbury.sa.gov.au/events

Our budget plans for 2025-26

the City of Salisbury

The City of Salisbury is finalising its 2025-26 financial plan, which includes about \$33 million for new infrastructure to support local communities, sports, and recreation.

The draft budget released for public consultation in late April, proposed an average rate rise of 4.2%, or about \$1.70 per week for the average residential ratepayer.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM said Council was conscious of balancing financial stability and cost-of-living challenges.

Apart from providing services and support for about 150,000 residents, the City of Salisbury maintains about \$2.3 billion in infrastructure assets on behalf of the community.

The 2025/26 Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan will be available on the City of Salisbury website later this year.

Highlights

Streetscapes and feature landscapes





Salisbury Fringe Carnival

The community came out in full force for our biggest event of the year, the Salisbury Fringe Carnival.

Over 15,000 people embraced an exciting weekend of entertainment and fun at Carisbrooke Park, with live music, thrilling amusement rides, and captivating performances.



International Women's Day

Salisbury's annual International Women's Day celebration was a wonderful opportunity to connect and be inspired. Hosted by the Adelady duo, Hayley and Lauren, the event featured guest speaker Ali Clarke, live musical performances, and a chance to honour the contributions of women in the community.



Vincent Fantauzzo 'Unveiled' at Salisbury Community Hub

The Salisbury Author Series event with Vincent Fantauzzo was a great night, where he discussed his new memoir Unveiled. That had attendees captivated by Vincent's raw honesty, humour and humility.

People were inspired by his resilience and deeply moved by his journey and art.

Out and about

The City of Salisbury hold a range of affordable and exciting events for the community to enjoy. Check out our highlights from earlier this year.



Harmony Week

The City of Salisbury's Harmony Week event was the biggest one yet and showcased a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity. The event featured performances, food, and activities that united the community and celebrated our city's interculturalism.



Salisbury Community Fun Day at Pitman Park

Families gathered at Pitman Park for a nature-filled day of activities. Attendees met native wildlife, explored a virtual marine sanctuary, and enjoyed traditional weaving, sensory play, and interactive games. With live music and delicious food, it was a fantastic celebration of community and the environment.



Salisbury Starlight Cinema

Starlight Cinema at Kentish Green continues to be a popular community event in summer, offering family-friendly outdoor movie screenings. In January, audiences enjoyed IF, followed by Sing 2 in March.



An evening with Tim Jarvis: recreating Ernest Shackleton's 1916 **Antarctic expedition**

Tim Jarvis delivered a powerful and thought-provoking talk at the Salisbury Community Hub. His stories of survival and leadership were captivating, and his message about protecting the environment was impactful. Guests walked away inspired and more aware of the urgent climate issues facing our world.



Image: Natalie Michels receives Fearless Innovator Grant

Our local businesses growing stronger

with Polaris by their side

With the right guidance and support, businesses can turn ambition into remarkable success.

The City of Salisbury's Polaris Business
Development Centre has helped countless
entrepreneurs refine their strategies,
develop their skills, and navigate challenges
to achieve their goals.

Coiltek Manufacturing's Managing Director, Natalie, has worked tirelessly to grow her business — one of Australia's leading metal detector coil manufacturers, based in Salisbury South. A long-term client of Polaris, she engaged in several programs that strengthened her leadership and business skills. Her innovation and dedication earned her the 2024 Women in Innovation Awards' Fearless Innovator Grant, recognising her achievements in business growth and leadership.

Another client of Polaris, Rory and Louise, started with a small lunch bar in 2003. Through hard work and smart decision-making, they expanded it into a thriving business with 60 employees by 2010. But they didn't stop there.

With support from Polaris' business mentoring programs, they refined their operations and identified a strong niche — catering and school canteen management.

Today, Rory's Group is a \$14 million enterprise with headquarters in Cavan, employing nearly 200 people and providing nutritious meals to more than 78 schools across South Australia.

Their successes demonstrate how Polaris helps business owners build on their strengths and take their ventures to the next level.

Contact the Polaris Business Development Centre for help with your business, including mentoring, workshops and networking.



Image: Rory and Louise, Rory's Group business owners



NEED HELP WITH YOUR BUSINESS?





Image: Salisbury Garden Club members

Celebrating 25 years of growth and friendship

The Salisbury Garden Club is celebrating a remarkable milestone this year — 25 years of cultivating not just plants, but also deep friendships and a sense of community.

Thanks to the dedication of its members, the Salisbury Garden Club has grown over two decades into a hub of warmth, knowledge, and support. Barbara, the club's secretary for over 15 years, and Sophie, a long-time member, shared how the group has become a place for connection.

'It's more than just gardening. It's a place to learn, share, and catch up.'

Barbara, Club Secretary

The club has welcomed a diverse group of members, all united by their love of gardening. They host talks from guest speakers, hold plant sales, and go on bus trips to explore unique gardens.

The club also gives back to the community, fundraising for causes like Backpacks 4 Kids and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

In addition to gardening activities, the club provides a supportive social environment, where members can share advice, laugh over a cup of tea or coffee, and enjoy raffles and morning teas.

The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Bagster Road Community Centre and new members are welcome to attend.

New adventures await

Have you checked out the upgraded St Albans Drive Playground and Reserve?

The brand-new playground offers a variety of equipment, including a swing basket, in-ground trampoline, 1.8m mound slide, commando walk, spring rocker, balance rail, monkey bars, mound scaling rope, timber steppers, and recycled landscape rocks.

These additions offer plenty of fun and adventure for children of all ages.



Image: Playground at St Albans Drive Reserve

The upgrade also includes a new picnic setting and sheltered area, bench seat, and drink fountain. A large play shade has been added to provide extra sun protection.

You can find the St Albans Drive Playground and Reserve in Salisbury Heights.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Single use dog park trial



Council is trialling a single use dog park at Jenkins Reserve until the end of September.

Owners can safely exercise their dogs for up to 20 minutes without any other dogs around between 2pm to 6pm daily.

Feedback will help determine possible long-term options for single use dog parks, alongside existing dog parks.



To provide feedback, visit salisbury.sa.gov.au/haveyoursay



The Hive Community Resource Hub is a welcoming space designed to support residents as they navigate the challenges of rising living costs.

The former Burton Community Hub has been transformed as part of the City of Salisbury's ongoing commitment to supporting and connecting the local community.

A range of new programs and activities have begun, including a monthly repair café, weekly basic sewing classes, weekly one-on-one advice, and assistance with No Interest Loans through The Food Centre and Good Shepherd.

A variety of home, food, and garden workshops are also available. Sessions to date have included Oz Harvest's Easy, Healthy and Affordable Cooking, Food Embassy's Make Your Food Go Further, bike maintenance for women, and making affordable kitchen cleaning products. Residents can also access The Hive's community garden, a tranquil place to relax, share skills or take part in gardening to cooking workshops.

The Hive will continue to provide ongoing library services and programs, such as walking and seniors' friendship groups, to strengthen community connections.

The Hive is open to everyone in the community and there are a range of programs and services to suit your needs and interests.

You can visit The Hive at 380 Waterloo Corner Road, Burton to see what's available for you.



'The vision behind The Hive is to create a welcoming space where the community can access resources, learn new skills, and connect with others.

By offering programs that address everyday challenges, The Hive is here to help residents thrive and build a stronger, more resilient community.'

Jane, Team Leader Neighbourhood Development, City of Salisbury





To explore the full range of programs and services, visit salisbury.sa.gov.au/hive

Explore NAWMA's services for cleaner, greener living

The Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority (NAWMA) provides waste management services for residents in Salisbury, Playford, and Gawler, while also helping the community learn how to reduce waste and recycle properly.

NAWMA's main services include:

- Kerbside bin collections
 Weekly and fortnightly collections for
 general waste, recycling, and green
 organics (FOGO).
- Hard waste services
 Households can book two free hard waste services each year (collections or drop-off vouchers) to get rid of bulky items.
- Resource Recovery Centres
 Residents can drop off recyclables and other items that can't go in household bins, such as electronic and hazardous waste, at NAWMA's centres in Edinburgh North and Pooraka.

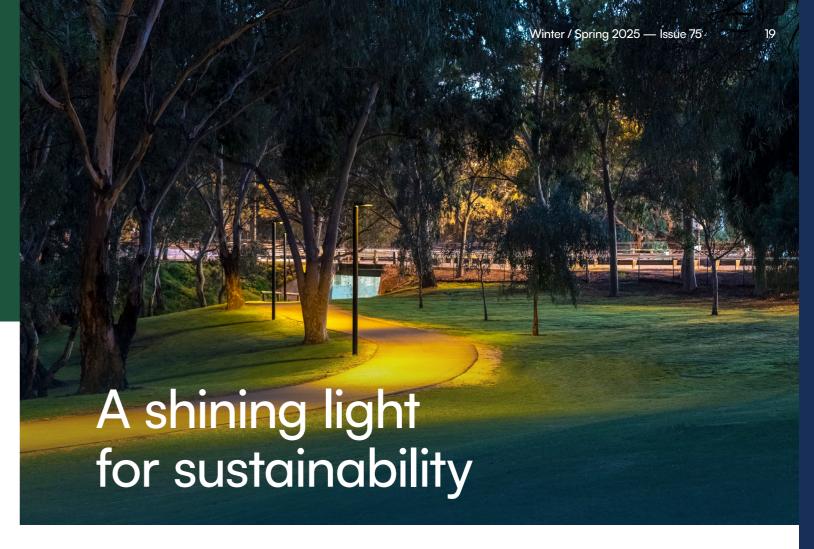
New Fibre Polishing Plant

NAWMA has launched a new state-of-the-art Fibre Polishing Plant securing over 50 jobs in the northern suburbs. The plant turns mixed paper and cardboard into high-quality recycled material and meets strict environmental standards.

NAWMA also offers education programs to help our community better understand waste and recycling:

- School programs
 Free classroom sessions for students to learn about recycling and reducing waste.
- Community programs
 Group presentations, facility tours and bus tours are all available to community groups and residents in Salisbury, Gawler and Playford.
- Fact sheets and resources
 A range of useful resources can be downloaded from NAWMA's website.

To learn more or book a service, visit nawma.sa.gov.au



The City of Salisbury has installed wildlife-friendly lighting along the Little Para River Trail.

The new lighting improves nighttime visibility for trail users while protecting local wildlife.

The innovative PC Amber lights show the way for walkers and cyclists. In avoiding the use of blue light, they don't impact nocturnal wildlife that rely on moon cycles and are active when its dark.

The lights are low energy and cost effective, with minimal environmental footprint and will improve safety for all trail users.

This new lighting is just one part of Council's ongoing efforts to include sustainable practices in projects and upgrades wherever possible, showing how small changes can make a big difference for the community and the environment.



'Good lighting design should balance the needs of all users of the trail, including animals.'

Michael, Energy and Lighting Specialist, City of Salisbury

Salisbury's youth initiatives in action

City of Salisbury is implementing its Youth Action Plan 2024-2027, with a strong initial focus on mental health.

The first major initiative of the Youth Action Plan has been the launch of a pilot program at Salisbury's Twelve25 Youth Centre, offering free mental health support for young people aged 12 to 25.

A qualified headspace worker will provide free one-on-one consultations four days a week at Twelve25 to support with mental health and wellbeing, physical and sexual health, work and study, and alcohol and other drug use. Young people can access up to four free sessions for general mental health support without a doctor's referral and will be connected to additional support services if needed.

'Mental health support can sometimes feel out of reach, but now young people have the opportunity to access free, confidential support at the Twelve25 Youth Centre right in the heart of Salisbury. This initiative brings peace of mind knowing help is there for young people.'

Kyna, headspace Youth Reference Group

Meanwhile, the 2025 ROAR Youth Summit. held during Youth Week at the Salisbury Community Hub, brought more than 150 local young people together for workshops, inspiring guest speaker presentations, and opportunities to shape future initiatives.





The summit, which will become an annual event, was held along with a Youth Market, where a number of young entrepreneurs showcased their businesses and gained valuable entrepreneurial skills.

Council is also planning a trial of MindMatters — a school-based program to train students and teachers to understand the signs of poor mental health and provide strategies to support themselves and others. If successful, it could expand to more schools, sporting clubs, and community groups.

A range of targeted initiatives and programs will be rolled out over the next three years to support our local youth, with a focus on health and wellbeing, educational engagement, and equity, discrimination and unfair treatment.

'This plan is built on what we heard from young people — it's about listening, acting, and delivering real outcomes that support the wellbeing and future success of our City's young people. This is just the beginning.'

Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM





To read the plan and learn more about youth initiatives, visit salisbury.sa.gov.au/youthactionplan

Salisbury Football Club celebrates 145 years

A pillar of the local community where generations of young footballers take their first steps toward big dreams.



Founded in 1880, the mighty Magpies have a decorated history, with 13 senior premierships, 21 association medallists and 15 league-leading goalkickers. The club's first games were played on a paddock owned by Salisbury's founder, John Harvey, and families like the Browns, Craddocks, Daymans, and Whittleseas have been involved from the start.

'I started playing juniors before moving to senior football. I've coached senior and junior teams and now serve on the committee.'

Chris, Club Chairman

'I followed in my dad's footsteps, and now my kids have followed in mine. As a family, we are proud of this club's history.'

Luke, Junior Chairman

Salisbury Football Club is a welcoming, inclusive, family-oriented club fielding senior men's, senior women's, inclusive league and junior boys' and girls' teams. New players, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters are always welcome. For more information, contact Chris on 0433 075 779.



The Tale of the Fire Phoenix

ignites young hearts in Salisbury

Earlier this year, the Salisbury Community Hub came alive with The Tale of the Fire Phoenix, a captivating performance by the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and the School of Chinese Music and Arts.

The stunning blend of orchestral music, traditional Chinese instruments, and puppetry enthralled 300 local school students, offering a unique cultural experience in the heart of our City.

The event also showcased the vital role of the Salisbury Community Hub and other council venues in making enriching cultural experiences accessible, ensuring residents can enjoy world-class performances right on their doorstep.



For more information on upcoming events, visit salisbury.sa.gov.au/events







City works

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring a connected community, we've been working on upgrades to enhance our City.

Harry Bowey Reserve car park upgrades

Upgrades to the entrance, driveway and parking at Harry Bowey Reserve have improved accessibility and safety for visitors to the park and the recently opened TreeClimb Salisbury.



Pratt Avenue Bridge

The road bridge on Pratt Avenue in Pooraka has been replaced with new wider footpaths, better traffic flow and improvements to the creek bed beneath the bridge, allowing better water flow in this section of Dry Creek.



New fountain at Lake Windemere

A new fountain has been installed at Lake Windemere, enhancing the lake's natural beauty and offering a tranquil environment for the community to enjoy.





Sport4All partnership to boost inclusive sport

The City of Salisbury has joined Sport4All, an award-winning program developed by Paralympian and Wheelchair Tennis Grand Slam champion Dylan Alcott's foundation, Get Skilled Access.

The initiative will help make local sport more inclusive for people of all abilities, building on the program's success in communities across the country.

Local sporting clubs, schools and organisations will gain access to tailored training, practical resources and ongoing support to help create welcoming environments where people of all abilities can participate — whether as players, coaches, volunteers or administrators.

As part of the program, a dedicated Get Skilled Access staff member, Michael, has commenced in the role of Inclusion Coach at the City of Salisbury. Michael will work with local sporting clubs to understand existing inclusive practices and identify how he can support clubs to enhance access to sport and recreation for all.

This partnership reflects the City of Salisbury's ongoing commitment to building a community where everyone can get involved, stay active and feel supported.

If your club, school, or organisation would like to learn more about Sport4All and how to access this support, contact sport@salisbury.sa.gov.au.



Get active with Salisbury Fit Club!

Your go-to webpage for sport, fitness and fun in local parks, recreation sites and open spaces. To find group classes, social sports and more, visit salisbury.sa.gov.au/fit-club.



What's on in Salisbury

25 June to 27 July — **Watershed Creative Prize Exhibition** Salisbury Community Hub

4 July — Magical Fairytale Ball in the Library Mawson Lakes Library

6 to 13 July — **NAIDOC** Week

Visit our website for local events

11 to 13 July — **Lights at Mawson** Mawson Lakes Boulevard

17 July — **Salisbury Author Series** with Holden Sheppard Salisbury Community Hub

1 to 31 August — **SALA Festival Exhibition** Salisbury Community Hub

and The Mawson Centre

14 August — True Crime with Stephen Pallarus KC Salisbury Community Hub

24 August — Science Fun Day Salisbury Community Hub

Image: Salisbury Community Fun Day at Pitman Park

20 September — **South Australian Authors Showcase** The Hive Community Resource Hub

11 October — Salisbury Community Fun Day AGH Cox Reserve

17 November to 21 December — 2025 Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year Exhibition Salisbury Community Hub

22 November -

The Mawson Centre Christmas Market The Mawson Centre

29 November -Salisbury Community Christmas Parade Salisbury City Centre

6 December — **Salisbury Community Christmas Carols** Carisbrooke Park







North Western **Transport Program Trial** extended

Residents in the north-west of the City of Salisbury with limited transport options can access the North Western Transport Program Trial for a further six months.

The taxi-card service supports people in the area who have limited access to private or public transport.

To find out more about the area serviced and eligibility criteria, call 8406 8222 or visit salisbury.sa.gov.au/transportprogram.



Salisbury Aquatic Centre

Indoor pools and health club open all winter.

salisburyaquaticcentre.com.au



